

## Carl J Wilson, Tulsa, OK

Carl Wilson lived through the good times and bad times of the Tulsa Fastpitch Softball Association and by extension, the ISC. Wilson got involved in softball locally in 1953, starting as a player with Skelly Oil Company. He joined the ISC as President in 1971, when Tulsa hosted the World Tournament, and served in various roles until 1996. Wilson was the owner of CJ's Restaurant, a long-time local sponsor. While serving as commissioner, Wilson was instrumental in forming the Tulsa Firebirds, a team which placed second in the World Tournament in 1981. While Wilson has seen many great fast-pitch players over time in the game, one player has made the most impact on him - Dude Ausmus. "He was multi-talented," said Wilson in a 1991 interview. "He could play the infield, outfield, and was also a very good pitcher. "We probably didn't get to see how good because he always played with the top hurler in town and didn't get to pitch much. But he was a great player." Other top players over the years, according to Wilson were: Tug Baughn of Bartlesville (Phillips 66), Jim Kennemer, Tom Presley Sr., Jelly Hayes, Gary Harp, Dutch Ausmus, Mike Bolton, Jimmy Deason, Jerry Clack, Ronnie Russell, Dean Brayton, Jack Neely and Arno Lamb.